

GENERAL NOTES.

The Brown Pelican in Illinois.—The writer is indebted to his friend and correspondent, Hon. R. M. Barnes of Lacon, Marshall County, Ill., for the facts concerning the following and to whom credit is due for giving us the first authentic record for the State, our evidence of this bird's occurrence within our borders having rested solely heretofore on the rather insufficient data furnished by C. K. Worthen of Warsaw (see Ridgway in Bull. Nutt. Ornith. Club, Vol. V, 1880, p. 31), who reported having seen one at Lima Lakes, ten miles below that place, in October, 1873.

He informs me that on May 27, 1903, a specimen of *Pelecanus fuscus* was killed off of one of the bridge-protection piers in the Illinois River at Lacon, by a local hunter or fisherman of the town, and brought to him for identification. (See Blatchley in 'The Auk,' 1907, Vol. XXIV, p. 337, for further evidence of the wandering of this maritime species far inland.)—**BENJ. T. GAULT, Glen Ellyn, Ill.**

A New Bird for Illinois.—While passing through Burlington, Iowa, recently, I saw a mounted Man-o'-war-bird (*Fregata aquila*) in a store window. Upon inquiry I was told that the bird was killed in the spring of 1904. It was first noticed by some hunters as it flew along the Illinois shore of the Mississippi, who shot at it, when it turned and flew across the river into the heart of the city of Burlington where it struck an electric light wire and fell into the street. The next day it died and the man who picked it up had it mounted and exhibited in his window. This is the first record for Illinois and also for Iowa, as far as I know.—**HENRY K. COALE, Highland Park, Ill.**

The Black Duck Summering near Philadelphia.—We find the Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*) given in Stone's 'Birds of Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey,' in the list of birds found within 10 miles of Philadelphia (page 31), as a "species which occurs occasionally in winter, but are mainly transients"; yet there are subsequent records enough of its occurrence in summer on the Delaware River and its tributaries to enable us to regard it as a probable rare breeder, although no nests have been actually found.

The following records constitute all my knowledge of its occurrence in summer in this region, and they are all authentic as far as observation goes. Moreover, it is an impossibility for *all* of these birds to have been barren or wounded individuals, and surely none were belated transients or stragglers.

I have two summer records: on June 17, 1899, one was flushed on the Pensauken Creek at West Palmyra, N. J., and two were seen on May 27, 1903, at Bristol, Bucks County, Pa., flying down the river along Burlington Island.

My brothers have had better luck. On June 21, 1908, Mr. C. S. and G. E.